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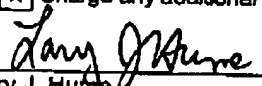
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Invention: SELF-TAPPING IMPLANT					
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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Final Office Action dated March 19, 2004 (Paper No. 11), please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 15 of this paper.

Deposit Account authorization for additional independent claims has been separately provided.